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In conclusion, I will state that the United States consul and vice-consul have always aided me in my work, and have always backed me in every case that my authority has been disputed by captains or consignees of vessels.

Respectfully,

H. S. CAMINERO, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

ENGLAND.

Report on the cases of cholera on the steamship Nubia.

PLYMOUTH, *January 25, 1897.*

SIR: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th instant, having reference to the cases of cholera on board the steamship *Nubia*, which vessel arrived off this port on the 9th instant, and when hailed by the tender reported cholera on board; the tender immediately returned and took off the port medical officer. Two deaths had occurred on the voyage and were buried at sea, 2 more died off here, and the vessel steamed out to sea on two successive occasions to bury them, the cases being confined to the troops on board. Rigid isolation was enforced (the customary anchorage of these vessels is 2 miles from the town), complete disinfection instituted, the medical officer of the local government board in London brought down, suspicious cases of diarrhea removed to the floating hospital, and every possible precaution adopted. Neither passengers nor crew showed the slightest symptoms of disease and the port was in no way affected. Had it been, I should have promptly communicated with you. I inclose copy of a certificate which the medical officer of health of the port of Plymouth sent to each consulate and also copy of our health report for the week in which the deaths on board the *Nubia* occurred, from which you will observe that we had a clean bill of health here; in fact, we have never had the slightest feeling of anxiety on the score of infection. I understand that the press all over the world has grossly exaggerated the facts and produced a scare of which we, in Plymouth, felt nothing.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

F. W. FOX,
United States Consul.

[Inclosure—Copy.]

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
Plymouth, January 14, 1897.

I hereby certify that the health of the port of Plymouth is good. No case of infection has arisen on land, nor is there any probability of an outbreak occurring. The convalescent and suspicious cases of diarrhea removed from the steamship *Nubia* are absolutely isolated in a floating hospital. All articles of clothing, bedding, etc., are being disinfected by the most efficient system known, viz, high pressure steam. Information shall be furnished of any extension of disease.

F. M. WILLIAMS,
Medical Officer of Health, Port of Plymouth.

GIBRALTAR.

Quarantine notice.

GIBRALTAR, *January 21, 1897.*

The board of health at a meeting this day decided as follows:

"All vessels arriving at Gibraltar from ports in India shall be inspected by the port surgeon. Vessels with foul bills of health shall

not be admitted to pratique until the completion of fourteen days from date of departure, and vessels with clean bills of health shall be admitted subject to medical inspection."

By order.

JOHN C. KING,
Secretary to the Board of Health.

INDIA.

Reports on the plague in Bombay.

[Remarks on the mortality returns of the city of Bombay for the week ended December 29, 1896.]

BOMBAY, *December 31, 1896.*

SIR: The native population is still fleeing from the city by all available routes at a rate of perhaps from 8,000 to 10,000 per day, and I believe the estimate that 250,000 have gone away is much below the actual number. There is no other cause of mortality in Bombay that can account for the great increase in the number of deaths but plague.

Population last census (1891).....	821, 764
Number of deaths corresponding week previous year.....	482
Number of deaths corresponding week preceding five years	469
Estimate 250,000 have left the city (a low estimate), leaving present population..	571, 764
On this basis the number of deaths, at rate of previous five years, would have been.....	326
Total number of deaths reported for week.....	1, 853
Deduct as above	326
Number of deaths for week that may be attributed to plague.....	1, 527
Average per day.....	218
Number of deaths by plague officially reported for the week.....	390
Average per day officially reported.....	56
Estimated number of deaths from plague per day in excess of those officially reported.....	162

S. COMFORT,
United States Consul.

BOMBAY, *January 9, 1897.*

SIR: The panic among the native population has rather increased than abated during the past week, and all available means of transportation out of the city are taxed to their utmost.

For the previous three weeks I have used the same figures for the present population, allowing that 250,000 had left the city. This has been much below the actual number, especially for the later periods reported on. Actual statistics of the exodus are not obtainable, but I was informed yesterday, on what I regard as good authority, that 380,000 people have left the city up to this time. Being desirous, however, of not overstating the matter, I have, in the above estimates, taken the number as 346,764, and leaving the present population 475,000, which I am satisfied is a conservative estimate.

A comparison of the mortality for the week under report with that of the previous week, taking as a basis a loss in population during the week of 40,000, which is not too much, will show that the total mortality rate has remained almost exactly the same as for the previous week; thus, 515,000 : 475,000 :: 1,853 : 1,710, which seems to indicate that while there has been no improvement, the epidemic has not increased any during the past week.